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THE HEIR-APPARENT PAYS A VISIT TO HIS PRINCIPALITY



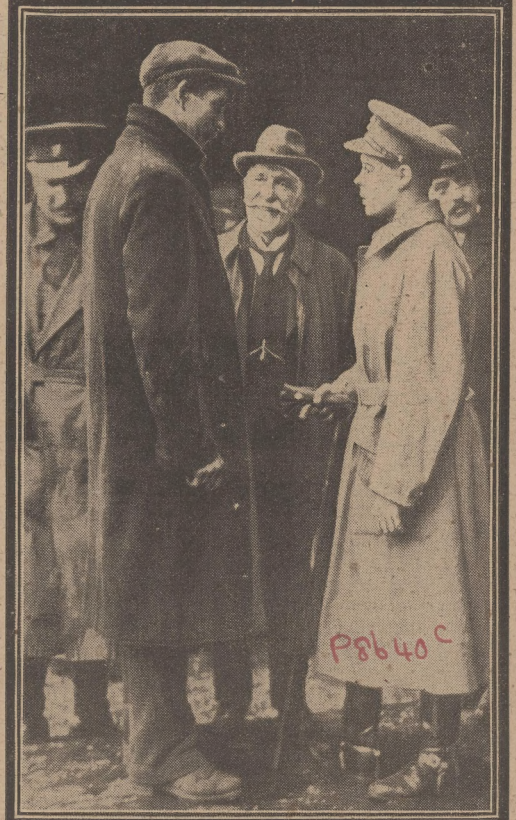
The Welsh choir singing "God Save the Prince of Wales" at the opening of the hospital.



Opening the hospital which bears his name.



Watching a one-armed man at work.



Talking to an ex-Guardsman during a visit to a big works.

The Prince of Wales, who is visiting the industrial centres in South Wales, shook hands very cordially with an ex-Guardsman who was on duty at Clarence House on the day he

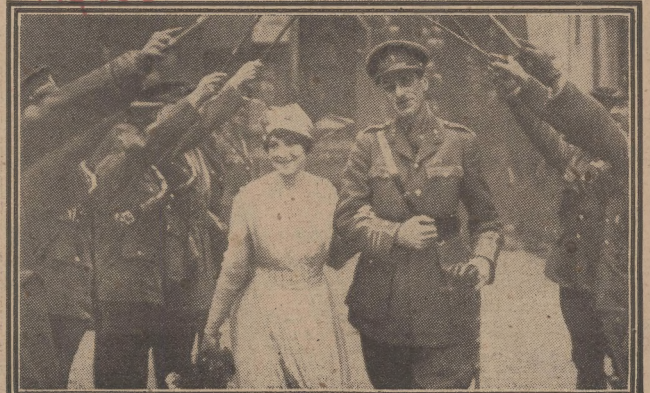
was born. At Cardiff he opened the Prince of Wales' Hospital, the Roehampton of South Wales, where maimed soldiers are fitted with artificial limbs.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WEDDINGS IN LONDON—



Lieutenant-Commander M. P. B. Portman, R.N., and his bride (Miss Joan Wyoliffe Thompson) leaving St. Saviour's Church, Knightsbridge.

PA D.S.O. ONE OF YESTERDAY'S BRIDEGROOMS.



Lieutenant-Colonel David Griffith, D.S.O., R.E., and Mrs. Reginald Walker were married yesterday at St. Michael's, Chester-square.

"WE MUST LAY PART OF COLOGNE FLAT."

M.P.s on Improvement of London's Defences.

STRIKING AIR WAR FACTS.

"We must lay a portion of Cologne flat; that will find the enemy's psychology," was a remark made by Mr. Joynton Hicks yesterday during the debate in the Commons on the Air Estimates.

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Mr. Joynton Hicks thought that our Air Service was now coming as near perfection as possible.

Our defences were a great improvement on last year, and it was becoming more and more difficult for the enemy to invade this city.

He urged the Government to send some ardent young aeroplane fighters into the Midlands to explain to the workers in the factories how much depended on their loyalty.

This would rule out all chance of strikes in aeroplane factories for the next twelve months. The war would be won by an overwhelming ascendancy in the air, a crushing supremacy completely blotting out the observation powers of the enemy.

London must be defended. It was now being defended very much better than it had been. The fact that one evening we had seven machines up really kept many men here who would usually be at the front. That was what the Germans wanted. An enormous mass of munitions was also being used.

We should bomb the Rhine towns with the same military object. Frankfurt did not touch the Germans intimately enough. We must lay a portion of Cologne flat. That would find their psychology.

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General Claude Lowther disputed the statement of Major Baird that the defences of London were adequate. Very few men who were convinced, was wanted to make the German visits so hazardous that they would be discontinued.

"WE SHALL GO ON."

Headquarters lacked brain and ingenuity. Now the Government had adopted the policy of retaliation he hoped we should go to Cologne and Düsseldorf and drop leaflets along with bombs explaining to the residents that we were paying a return visit in consequence of a pressing invitation in the shape of an excursion to an English town.

Sir Hamar Greenwood asked whether it was not a fact that during 1917 more flying men were lost in the schools of instruction than on all the fronts of our lines. Means must be found of preventing this deplorable loss.

Mr. King moved that air attacks against the enemy should be carried out against military objectives and as little as possible against civilian populations.

Mr. Fringle seconded.

Major Baird wanted to know whether the mover and seconder wished not to drop bombs on German towns.

Mr. King said he did not want to stop the rain.

Major Baird replied then he did not know what Mr. King wanted. Women and children were near the lines. No Englishman wished to kill women and children, but we had started bombing German towns, and we should go on doing it.

The amendment was negatived without a division.

UNDER AN ARCH OF SWORDS.

At the wedding of Major G. S. James, R.F.A., and Miss Evelyn Vizard at St. Mary-at-the-Walls, Colchester, yesterday, the bride and bridegroom left the church under an arch of swords, and were driven away in a carriage drawn by a gun team of six horses.



Major V. Woodward, who is playing for Chelsea against the 'Spurs' tomorrow. It is his first League game since the war.

Major Baird, who introduced the Air Estimates in the Commons yesterday. He gave many details of our airmen's work.

RATIONS NEXT WEEK

No Delay in Scheme for London and Home Counties.

ALL CARDS OUT BY WEEK-END.

It is stated officially that there is no truth in the statement that the food rationing scheme for London and the Home Counties has been postponed for a week. The rationing will be operative on Monday as originally arranged.

The various local food committees are doing their utmost to send out all the cards by the week-end.

Economy in Hospitals.—Military hospitals, like other institutions, are economising in the consumption of food.

The Food Controller requests that the greatest care must be exercised in the consumption of milk.

Potato to the Rescue.—The great offensive has begun in the home country! A vanguard of allotment-holders have "gone over the top" and are already at work.

The army consists mainly of girl workers in the City, barristers, clerks, uniformed and un-uniformed women.

Next month is planting time for potatoes, and the nation must have a good harvest to help defeat the U-boat campaign.

"UNABLE TO ATTEND."

American Labour Party's Caustic Message to London Conference.

America is not represented at the Inter-Allied Labour Conference which is being held in London this week.

At yesterday's session the following telegram was read from Mr. Gompers, on behalf of the American Federation of Labour:

"We regret that circumstances make impossible to be represented in the Inter-Allied Labour Conference, London. Executive Council in declaration unanimously declared we cannot meet with representatives of those who are alleged (allied) against us in this world war for freedom, but we hope they will sweep away the barriers which they have raised between us."

"Please convey our fraternal greetings to the Inter-Allied Labour Conference and assure them that we are pledged and will give our man-power and at least half we have in wealth power in the struggle to secure for the world justice, freedom and democracy."

LOVE THAT CHANGED.

Married Man to Pay £150 for Breach of Promise.

"You don't seem to love me like you used to." This was an excerpt from a letter written by Mary Agnes Batten, of Croydon, Kent, to Stanley Smith, of Palmer's Green, whom she sued at the Sheriff's Court yesterday for breach of promise.

Defendant did not appear, and plaintiff was awarded £150 damages.

But there was another girl in the case named "Stevie," to whom he was making love. She was employed at the same factory as himself.

Plaintiff, giving evidence, said that defendant was married to Miss Stephenson in November.

WAR'S HISTORY IN COLOUR

Wonderful Photographs To Be Shown at Grafton Galleries.

Preparations are proceeding apace for the first grand exhibition of Imperial War Photographs in colour, which will be opened at the Grafton Galleries on March 1.

The exhibition has been organised by the Ministry of Information, and the proceeds will be devoted to war charities and war purposes.

A large crowd collected yesterday morning outside the Grafton Galleries, attracted by a number of soldiers carrying in a gigantic photograph of artillery going into action. This remarkable photograph, reproduced in natural colours, was taken under the fire of the enemy's guns.

£2,000 DAMAGES.

Colonel Gets Decree Nisi—His Wife and a Major.

"HELD HANDS ON DECK."

Damages to the amount of £2,000 were awarded Colonel Frederick Arthur Lucas Hammond, of the Indian Medical Service, who petitioned in the Divorce Court yesterday for divorce from his wife, Louisa Hammond, and a Major.

The jury found Mrs. Hammond guilty of misconduct with Major Ian Stuart Sutherland Moir. Counsel for Colonel Hammond said the colonel married his young wife in Burma in 1905.

She had a child—now a boy of eight—and no household could have been happier until the time when petitioner attended Major Moir professionally for heart trouble and practically saved his life.

Major Moir stayed at his house. Then Colonel Hammond's heart became affected, and he and his wife went to Australia for the voyage, and afterwards came to England.

On the voyage to England Major Moir travelled on the same ship, and when Colonel Hammond found his wife less attentive to himself than, as he thought, he had a right to expect, and when, further, he saw Major Moir and his wife holding each other's hand on the deck, he decided to speak to Major Moir about it.

Major Moir assured him there was nothing in his suspicion, and said: "I should be a swine if there was anything of the sort."

In England Mrs. Hammond went to her parents at Chesterfield and Colonel Hammond went away by medical advice.

Major Moir visited Mrs. Hammond at Chesterfield. She was invited by Major Moir's parents to visit them, went with her husband's sanction, there met Major Moir again, and declined to return to her husband.

Evidence was then called, said counsel, that Mrs. Hammond and Major Moir had stayed at the same hotel in London.

The Judge granted the colonel a decree nisi with custody of the child, and costs.

SERVED INSTEAD OF SON.

Over-Age Q.M.S. Who Took His Boy's Place in France.

Special leave from France was given to a quartermaster sergeant to attend Hull Tribunal yesterday and appeal for his son, a single man, aged eighteen, graded Class I.

The sergeant, who served as a Volunteer in the Boer War, patriotically rejoined three years ago, though over military age, and has been two years in France and once slightly wounded.

He left his son to look after his business, and said he did not regret his action.

The son was given six months' exemption, the father promising not to seek his discharge.

TRAGIC POSTCARD.

"Arrived Safely" Message on Mother Killed in Air Raid.

A London cornerer held inquests yesterday on twenty victims of Sunday night's air raid, all of whom were near to or sheltering in an hotel.

Among the victims were a man and his wife, who had been visiting their soldier son in camp, and a young man and his wife, who were, as they said, both receiving fatal injuries. In the mother's pocket was a postcard addressed to the son stating that they had arrived safely.

In another case father and son were just making their way from the entrance of the hotel to the basement when the bombs fell. The son was killed, but the father escaped.

Inspector Pacey said that other people were being injured owing to the fact that they were only under the arch and not in the basement.

Superintendent Evans said the public should not shelter in alleyways. "It is a well-known fact that if a people walk about the streets. There is no need for this, because we can provide good shelter for 125,000."

The verdict was that death in each case was caused by the explosion of bombs dropped from enemy aircraft.

HOW TO WIN WAR AT HOME

"All Who Can Should Buy War Bonds."—Mr. Bonar Law.

"I have once again, on behalf of the Government, to ask the people of this country to place their financial resources at the disposal of the State," writes Mr. Bonar Law in a circular letter.

"At this moment it is more than ever imperative that we as a nation should do our part in support of the great cause for which those dear to us are fighting and suffering."

PROMOTION OF OFFICERS.

The Government have approved of the suggestions of Lord Burnham's Committee concerning the promotion of officers.

The principle recommendation of the committee, while on the general list, officers of the new army should not receive promotion to a higher rank than that of captain, unless while in staff employment they are given a second grade staff appointment.

EDITOR AND COLONEL FINED £100 EACH.

Prosecution of "Morning Post" Under Realm Act.

VERSAILLES DECISIONS.

Mr. H. A. Gwynne, the editor of the *Morning Post*, and Colonel Repington, the military correspondent, were at Bow-street, yesterday, each fined £100 for having "unlawfully and without authority published information in respect of the plans, or supposed plans, and conduct of military operations on the western front."

Mr. Gwynne was also ordered to pay fifty guineas costs and Colonel Repington forty guineas costs.

Immediately the case was called Mr. Tindal Atkinson addressed the Bench for the defence. It was inconceivable, he argued, that the suggestions had been taken out except upon the firm belief by the Crown that the article sinned against Regulation 18 of the Defence of the Realm Act in the sense that it was calculated to cause damage to this country because it conveyed information which was or might be likely to assist the enemy.

Colonel Repington's article sinned neither against the statute nor against its spirit.

"KNOWN IN GERMANY."

If they were guilty of publishing information calculated to be of use to the enemy why did the Law Officers not frame the information against the defendants in that way?

"Counsel dealt with the passage complained of: 'Newspapers have been published, and it is to refer to one of the chief results of the [Versailles] Council, and in this way it is hoped that criticism will be hurled; but there are times when we must take our courage in our hands, and this was one of them.'"

In attacking one of the decisions, that, said Mr. Atkinson, must be taken as qualified by the words at the heading of the article that it was based upon what the writer had read.

Mr. Atkinson read articles from German newspapers showing that the information as to the intention to form an army of reserve and even the name of the general who would probably be appointed to command it, had been in Germany before the article was published.

The magistrate, in expressing the opinion that there had been a breach of Regulation 18, regarded that Colonel Repington, a distinguished soldier, forgot—he hoped momentarily only—his duties as a faithful citizen.

THE PRINCE IN A MINE.

Welsh Workers Sing Songs of Welcome to Their Apparent.

Continuing his Welsh tour yesterday in delightful weather, the Prince of Wales visited a munition works at the Seamen's Hospital and the Coal Exchange, where he was elected a member, in Cardiff.

Leaving Cardiff by motor, the Prince then drove to Ebbw Vale, a distance of over thirty miles. Everywhere en route he had an enthusiastic reception.

A notable feature of yesterday's proceedings was the number of male voice choirs which sang Welsh national songs.

The Prince was greatly interested in the big group of colliers, and, attended by Major Paulet and Sir Sidney Greville, descended the Victoria Pit.

NEWS ITEMS.

Million Recruits in 1916.—Mr. Macpherson, in a written answer, says that 1,100,000 recruits were accepted by the Army during 1916.

Women in the Commons.—The rule forbidding the admission of women to the outer Lobby unless accompanied by members had been abolished on his instructions.—The Speaker.

Stonemason's Execution.—The murder of Private O. G. Inlay at Valentine-place, Blackfriars-road, Joseph Jones, stonemason, of the Borough, was executed at Wandsworth Prison yesterday.

Shelters.—The Home Secretary, in the Commons yesterday, said steps are being taken to prevent the spread of disease arising from the insanitary condition of Tube stations and other places used as air raid shelters.

Clergymen Fined.—A Newport Egnell yesterday the Rev. William Rice, aged seventy-three, and William L. Eaton, rector of Walton, who drove the car, were each fined £3 for motoring to Northampton cattle market.

NO WARWICK RACES.

Flat race meetings fixed for Warwick on March 23, June 22 and August 10 have been cancelled by the Stewards of the Jockey Club at the request of the Railway Executive, who feel it impossible to make the necessary provision. It is hoped to substitute meetings on other courses on those dates.

WINNERS AT SANDOWN.

12.30.—Green Lane (7.2 W. Earl), 1; Peterloo (2.1), 2; Farakabad (100-7), 3. 2.40.—Perimeter (15-8), Mr. Archibald (100-7), 1; Royal Salute (100-7), 2. 3.13.—20th—Preston (7-2), Avial, 1; Mark Back (100-6), 2; Ballinacree (100-6), 3. 3.30.—Raden (2.1), Avial, 1; Turbine Sentinel (5-4), 2; Sentinel Symon (9-2), 3. 4.10.—Square Dance (7-1), 1; Salsby (1), 8; Salsby (1), 2. 4.30.—Lanthorn (11-2), Avial, 1; Silver Saint (2-1), 2; Closure (15-6), 3. 5.14.—2.40.

BRITISH TROOPS WITHIN FOUR MILES OF JERICHO

Germans' Petrograd Push—1,353 Guns, 10,000 Prisoners and 5,000 Motor-Cars.

TRAINS LADEN WITH FOOD AND AEROPLANES.

New Zealand Troops in Successful Raid—French Haul of 525 Prisoners in Latest Sally.

On to Jericho.—Sir E. Allenby reports that British troops are approaching within four miles of Jericho.

Russian Debacle.—The Germans are on the way to Petrograd. They are encountering but slight opposition. Towns have been occupied, thousands of men have been taken prisoners, and the extent of the booty (if the German communiqué is correct) is nothing short of a Russian national debacle. Among the spoil are 1,353 guns, between 4,000 and 5,000 motor-cars and 1,000 train carriages, many of which, according to Berlin, were laden with food, and aeroplanes and other war material.

GENERAL ALLENBY'S TWO GERMANS MAKING RAPID FINE PALESTINE PUSHES.

Advance of 3½ Miles on Seven Mile Front Towards Jericho. 1,353 Guns, 5,000 Motor-Cars, 1,000 Carriages Taken.

GAIN NEAR JERUSALEM.

OVER 9,000 CAPTIVES.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.
On February 20 our advance east of Jerusalem was resumed, despite heavy rainstorms.

Moving through difficult country, in which the enemy offered an obstinate resistance, our troops made progress to the extent of three and a half miles on a frontage of about seven and three-quarter miles, and approaching within four miles of Jericho.

At the same time our line was advanced to the north-west of Jerusalem in a sector west of the Jerusalem-Nablus road to a maximum depth of one mile on a front of four miles.

Co-operating with this advance our air service carried out effective bombing attacks against the enemy camps and depots on the left bank of the Jordan about Shunet Nimrin (ten and a half miles east-north-east of Jericho).

Our losses in the operations of February 19 were very slight. Those for February 20 have not yet been reported. Operations continue.

INNSBRUCK BOMBED BY THE ITALIANS.

British Aid in Raid—Foe Attacks on Venice and Vicenza.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.
Italian and British bombing flights have attacked and efficaciously struck the enemy's aviation camps near La Comina Avi and Visnadello and Motta di Livina.

Over the last one navy hydroplane dropped two tons of high explosive bombs. All the machines returned without any damage.

Between eleven o'clock of last night and seven o'clock in the morning enemy aeroplanes flew over our cities, causing considerable damage.

Padua was bombed three times. Numerous bombs were dropped over Vicenza Mestre, Venice and Trebaseleghe (north-west of Mestre). Yesterday morning one of our flights bombed efficaciously the railway stations of Innsbruck.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

SIR E. GEDDES' ABSENCE.

Mr. Bonar Law, in the Commons, yesterday, informed Mr. P. A. Harris that the First Lord of the Admiralty had been absent for about three weeks in connection with the work of the Navy in the Mediterranean and was expected back in London next week.

WONDERFUL U.S. PLANES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—Mr. Baker, the Secretary for War, announces that the first American-built battle planes are en route for France, nearly five months ahead of the scheduled time, thus marking the final overcoming of the many difficulties met with in building up this new and intricate industry.

These planes, Mr. Baker says, are equipped with the first Liberty motors from machine production. One of them in a recent test surpassed all records for speed and altitude.

Mr. Baker adds that the great problem remaining is to secure the thousands of skilled mechanics needed to keep the planes in perfect condition.—Reuter.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.
Our regiments from the Island of Moon, having crossed the frozen Sund, marched into Esthonia and have occupied Leningrad.

In the march along the Gulf of Riga Pernigal and Lemsal have been reached.

At Lemsal there was fighting for a short time, in which 500 prisoners were taken and twenty guns captured.

Our troops marched through Wenden and are now before Wolmar.

Between Dvinsk and Pinsk we are pressing on towards the east.

Army Group of Linsingen.—The movement continues along the whole front. Important railway and road junctions have been occupied. Rovno has been cleared of the enemy.

It is impossible as yet to give an approximate estimate of the booty. Up till now the following has been announced:—

Prisoners.—A general in command of an army, several divisional commanders, 425 officers and 8,700 men.

Booty.—1,353 guns, 120 machine guns, 4,000, 5,000 motor-cars, trains with about 1,000 carriages, many of which were laden with food, aeroplanes and an incalculable amount of other war material.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

PETROGRAD SOON?
PETROGRAD, Wednesday (received yesterday).—A dispatch from Vitebsk reports that German detachments have appeared twenty miles from the town, and have distributed proclamations pointing out the futility of resistance, inasmuch as Germany has thrown a large number of troops on to the eastern front preparatory to occupying Petrograd.—Reuter.

The Exchange Petrograd correspondent says: The German offensive continues in the direction of Vitebsk and Minsk. The German armies are approaching the towns of Rishchitsa and Molodetchno. It is believed, indeed, that the former of these has already fallen.

Strong German forces are concentrated near Riga for the purpose of an offensive in the Revel district. The Russian armies have drawn off towards Vitebsk and Pskov.

At headquarters in Petrograd the opinion is that in the event of the German armies continuing their northern advance the fate of Petrograd will be decided within a fortnight.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday (received yesterday).—It is reported that the German Army is trying to cut the Libau-Konen Railway.

Russian Red Guard soldiers are offering no resistance, and are retiring, leaving their ammunition and supplies behind.

It is reported from the Caucasian front that a Turkish Army has appeared near Trebizond.—Exchange.

RUMANIA AND PEACE.

The Berliner Tageblatt announces that the new Rumanian Premier, General Averescu, has arrived at Bukarest (which is in Austro-German occupation) in connection with the formation of a new Government and discussions regarding peace negotiations.

GOTHAS OVER HOLLAND.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—Two German aeroplanes flew over Maastricht yesterday afternoon, coming from the west, but returned quickly on being fired upon by the Dutch Frontier Guards.—Central News.



The Germans are advancing through Estonia (the Russian name of the province), and Petrograd is now threatened.

NEW ZEALANDERS' RAID NEAR POLYGON WOOD.

French Capture 525 Prisoners in Their Latest Operations.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Thursday.

9.54 A.M.—New Zealand troops carried out a successful raid early this morning east of Polygon Wood and captured a few prisoners. The enemy's artillery was active yesterday evening against our positions at Flesquières.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.
North-west of Rheims, in the region of the Oivre, an enemy raid failed under our fire.

The number of prisoners taken in Lorraine during the operations north of Bures and east of Moncel amounts to 325, including eleven officers.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.
Army Groups of Crown Prince Rupprecht and of the German Crown Prince.—There have been artillery and trench mortar duels. An attack in the Argonne was successful.

Army Group of Duke Albrecht.—On the Lorraine front fighting activity increased in violence on many sectors between the Selle and Pland.

During the evening strong French detachments attacked our positions near Moncel, Rechicourt and Mouancourt, which were penetrated at isolated points.

Our infantry threw the enemy out again in a counter-attack, and made a fairly large number of prisoners.

South-west of Markirch storming troops brought in prisoners as the result of a raid.

HOW LIEUT. GOBIND SINGH WON HIS V.C.

Thrilling Story of Indian's Three Rides Through Inferno of Fire.

The latest Indian V.C., Jemadar Lieutenant Gobind Singh, has been visiting London on short leave from the Western theatre of war. The squadron to which he is at present attached found itself completely cut off by the Germans during the recent "push" at Cambrai. The men dug themselves in, determined to give the Hun a hot time.

The officer in command, finding it imperative to get into communication with the General Staff, asked for a volunteer to carry his dispatch.

One after another other Indians rode out on the mission, but all were shot down.

Gobind Singh, then a lance-dafadar (lance-sergeant), asked the commander to let him try his luck.

Mounted on his charger, he made straight for his objective. The German machine guns riddled his horse's body, but the brave sergeant completed on foot the last 600 yards of his journey.

The reply had to be carried back, and Gobind Singh again volunteered.

Mounted on the horse of the general's orderly, he was instantly greeted by heavy machine gun fire. Again his horse fell under him and he ran for dear life. The Germans gave chase, firing all the time.

HORSE HIT BY SHELL.

Gobind Singh kept well ahead of them, and when they were isolated Indian squadron stopped the pursuers, and he jumped safely into the trench.

The dispatch that he brought required a reply, and his offer to ride for the third time was accepted. In "No Man's Land" this time he missed the machine gun fire. Not a bullet whizzed past him, but the German big guns suddenly began to thunder forth, creating in front of him a wall of bursting shells.

A British gunner sheltering in a shell-hole told him that to attempt to ride through that barrage meant certain death. Gobind Singh, however, charged the wall of fire. A shell fell on the horse, and his hindquarters were blown to atoms, and convinced that he was mortally wounded and that he could not run, he slowly walked the 200 yards or so that still stretched before him, the Germans constantly firing at him.

On arriving at headquarters Gobind Singh discovered that he had come unscathed for the third time out of the jaws of death.

274 FOE AEROPLANES DOWNED IN A MONTH.

Commons Discuss Work of New Air Board.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

The New Air Board Estimates were introduced in the House of Commons yesterday by Major Baird.

The arrangements for setting up the new Air Ministry, he said, had progressed satisfactorily, and on all the fronts there had not been the slightest dislocation of air operations as a result of the transference.

In regard to the steps taken to secure co-operation between the Admiralty, War Office and Air Council, Major Baird stated the War Office and Admiralty submitted their requirements to the Air Council, which either agreed or disagreed with them or modified them, and conferences were held weekly between the three bodies to discuss these points.

It had been decided that the medical services of the air force should be under the control of a committee responsible to the Air Council.

Referring to the inventions Committee which was largely started at the instigation of Lord Cowdrey, he said this committee had now become a sub-committee of the committee on aeronautics, and in the last month had examined no fewer than 1,100 inventions.

The object of this committee was, of course, to ensure that every invention should be given a fair chance.

OUR FIGHTING MACHINES.

Referring to the work of our fighting machines, Major Baird described them as the screen by which our other machines carried out their work in the air.

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AIR COUNCIL SECRETARY.

The Secretary of State for the Air has appointed Mr. W. A. Robinson, C.B., C.B.E., Assistant Secretary to the Office of Works, to be Permanent Secretary to the Air Council in the Air Ministry.

RAIDS ON TREVES.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—A telegram from Treves, appearing in this morning's Cologne Gazette, says: "On Monday evening enemy airmen for the second time on the same day flew over Treves and dropped bombs, without causing any considerable damage."

"At noon on Tuesday Treves was again the object of an aerial attack, to which one civilian and one soldier fell victims."

"Otherwise only material damage was caused."—Reuter.

FRENCH AIRMEN ESCAPE.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—Les Nouvelles of Maastricht learns that two famous French airmen, Lieutenant Garros, the celebrated French "ace," and Lieutenant Marchal, who flew over Berlin a year ago and was forced to descend a few miles from the Russian lines, arrived yesterday in Holland in excellent health, having effected their escape from Germany.—Reuter.

GIRL PICKETS IN IRISH STRIKE

A RAID ARMLET.

TUNING UP A



These girls are seen acting as pickets in the big bakery dispute at Dublin. There are some ninety bakers in the employ of the firm concerned and the situation is considered serious. (Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)

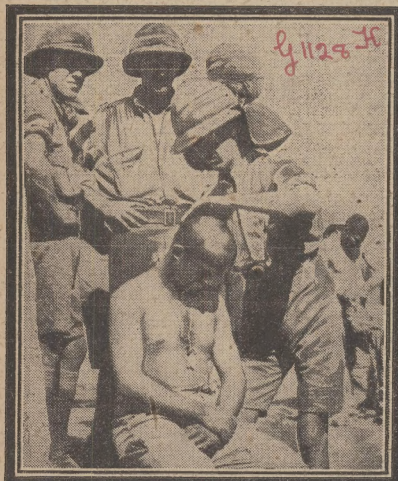


Miss Muriel Alder, steward at one of the London air raid shelters, wearing the armlet which has just been issued. A record of work done is inscribed on the reverse side.



We must be prepared for a determined enemy of the kind made, said Mr. Macpherson. Here is

A VERY NECESSARY HAIR CUT.



The men of a British sanitary section clipping the hair of Turkish prisoners who were captured in Mesopotamia. (Official photograph.)

COLONEL AND EDITOR FINED.



Lieut.-Col. Ropington and Mr. Gwynne, editor of the Morning Post, leaving Bow-street, where they were each fined £100 yesterday, under Dora.



DOUBLE HONOURS.—Lt.-Col. Albert Victor Fox, of Barford, Warwick, awarded the M.M. and Belgian Croix de Guerre. He is a stretcher bearer.

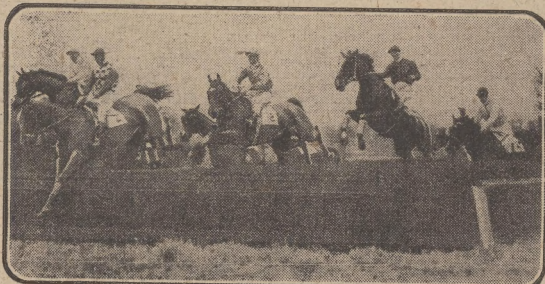


CANADIAN M.C.—Maj. Frank Leslie Pearce, M.C., Canadian M.G.C., is a native of Bromley, and enlisted in Canada in 1915. His brother is also serving.



BRAVE IRISH BOY.—Louis Cattle, of Londonderry, who was drowned when a transport was torpedoed. He remained at his post sending signals.

SANDOWN AGAIN AFTER THREE YEARS.



Taking the water jump in the Stanley Handicap Steeplechase, which was won by Wavertree, with Simon the Lepper second. It is nearly three years since a meeting was held at Sandown Park.

POLISH LEGION LEAVES FOR TH



The flag of the Polish Legion.

A fete was held in France prior to the departure never had any reason to love the Germans; it shows that their country's interests

ETON COLLEGE MILE RACES—VICTORY FOR TWO BROTHERS.



C. E. Pitman wins junior mile.



Competitors who hired a cab.

The final heats of the Senior and Junior Mile Races at Eton were made memorable by the fact that brothers won both events. The Earl of Kinnoull (x) took part in the Junior Mile.

FAIRES



Miss Frances photograph U.S. publicist been selected portraying most likely to

BRITISH GUN.



early date, but all measures to meet it had been measures."—(Official photograph.)

HES—TRIBUTE TO LAFAYETTE



Flowers for Lafayette's statue.

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SISTERS' SUCCESS AT ISLE OF ELY COURSING MEETING.



Mystery Move has a drink of cold tea.

Miss D. S. Morton's Mystery Move won the Shippea Hill Stakes, while Miss E. Morton's Lady Victoria divided the Miles End Stakes. Both are seen with their dogs, while Miss C. Morton is seen with Best of Luck and Lucky Boy.

WAR MATINEE.



Lady Loughborough, who will play the leading part in a performance of "The Second in Command," to be given shortly at Winchester Guildhall in aid of the K.R.R.C. and R.B. prisoners of war fund.—(Hugh Cecil.)



LADY ACTON, whose husband, Lord Acton, is retiring from the Consul-Generalship at Zurich. Lord Acton is son of the great Lord Acton.—(Lafayette.)



WOMAN COUNCILLOR.—Miss Ada Crosby, a former Lady Mayoress of London, who has been elected a member of the St. Pancras Borough Council.

WEDDING OF A HIGHLAND V.C.



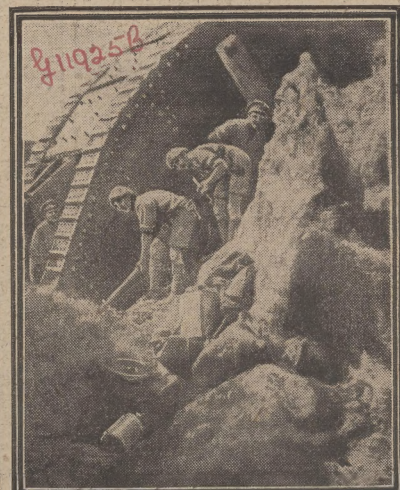
Group taken after the wedding at Edinburgh of Lance-Corporal Robert McBeath, V.C., Seaforth Highlanders. He is seen standing next his bride (Miss Barbara Mackay). The bridesmaid was Miss Hilda Mackay.

MISS TARLING AND A HAT.



This hat is not for the street or train. It is worn upon the stage. Underneath may be seen Miss Dithy Tarling, the dancer.

THE VAGARIES OF THE TANKS.



Digging out a tank which got stranded in Palestine. It was a long business, for the monster got itself tightly wedged.

COLLAPSED SUDDENLY 'ON INMATES' HEAD.



An officer's tent, which was blown down during a sand storm in Sinai. Two soldiers are salvaging his belongings. These little accidents are always to be expected and are accepted philosophically.

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LOOKING UP.

IT has been pointed out again and again—but never too often—that, although a vast portion of the world's resources were spent, during peace, in preparing for war, yet, when war came, nobody—not even Germany—was sufficiently prepared for the sort of war that did come!

It always will be so. You never can prepare for war in peace. You can only guess extravagantly at preparation. Practice alone makes perfect here. Half each pro- and pre-war expenditure must be waste.

Submarine and air—those were the two spheres, offensive and defensive, in which nobody was ready. And it has taken everybody more than three years (fortunately) to get ready with a readiness, a completeness of efficiency, corresponding to anything like the possibilities of development in these two branches of war.

Major Baird's Air Force Estimates gave the House of Commons yesterday figures and hints indicative of the manner in which the wind blows—of the way in which the war may come (if it continue long enough) to pass from solid Earth into the other elements, long ago envisaged by the Jules Verne and Wells type of romantic prophet. Not romantic now, alas, but real! So very real and actual that we should do well to consider it carefully.

As war passes into the once free air—once the region of hope and inspiration, with its suggestions of infinity and otherworldliness—the impulse cannot stand still, or diminish. It must increase to the extremes of possibility commanded by human power. Myriads of high-power planes then, laden with ever more powerful bombs will plough those once untilled fields of the air and drive superficial men and women down to a new subterranean life: like that mainly led by our armies in fighting France. Another Wells dream realised!—subterranean humanity grovelling under the threat of humanity hovering in the air.

The mere war possibilities, however, are incidental.

Permanent and perpetual will be the ever-increasing commercial and industrial horrors of huge passenger and goods-conveying aerial liners on marked out routes (kept to by few or none). Of all the appalling things inflicted on us by "science," in sum, this is the most devastating, the most awful.

But we must go on with it.

If we do not, others will. And, indeed, for the moment one of our greatest hopes is in the facts behind those figures of Major Baird. Larger and larger will be the part played in the air, by America, by ourselves, by Germany. In view of a terrestrial appearance of deadlock, aerial warfare will claim the foresight and brains of the offensive on both sides. Already it seems that people's thoughts are everywhere "looking up." We have not bothered (until lately) about astronomy—about the moon—about the open skies. Our thoughts, in future, turn heavenward—not Socratically, not to investigate phenomena properly celestial, but to wonder what new sort of bomb will fall from what new sort of plane upon us out of the blue!

W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

FEB. 21.—A greenhouse or warm frame will prove most useful to the vegetable cultivator at this date. If an early crop of celery is desired next autumn, sow a box at once. Brussels sprouts, for an early supply, may be started, also lettuce and cauliflowers.

Use good light mould, mixed with plenty of leaf mould and sand. Water the soil and then sprinkle on the seeds, covering them very thinly with sifted mould. Place a sheet of glass over each box until germination takes place and cover with brown paper.

E. F. T.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

We do not educate a man by telling him what he knew not, but by making him what he was not, and what he will remain for ever.—Ruskin.



Lady Forbes, who was just had a son. Lord Forbes is a Guardsman.



Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox superintends rest clubs for nurses at the front.

SOLDIER M.P.s?

Uncertainty in the Nationalist Party—The New Air Director-General.

OURS is a citizen army, and perhaps the interesting rumour I have heard may have something more in it than most rumours. It is said that the authorities are willing for any soldier who is an accepted candidate for Parliament in soldiers' interests to have full power for prosecuting the electoral campaign.

Irish Leader.—I was sorry to hear in the Lobby that Mr. John Redmond's health is still

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Meatless Weeks.—From Monday the peers will have none but meatless days when they dine or lunch in the House. Their self-denying lordships will mortify the flesh, not only on Tuesdays and Fridays, but all the other days of the working week.

St. David's Day.—There are already preparations afoot for the celebration of St. David's Day in London with great éclat. There will be a big demonstration at the Queen's Hall, with Sir Ellis Griffith, K.C., M.P., in the chair.

The Speakers.—The Prime Minister, I hear, cannot promise to attend, as he would like to, but Lord Kenyon will speak for North Wales and Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., for the South. He hails from Newport, by the way.

Not at the Palace.—Sir Edgar Jones, M.P. for Merthyr, is back from France, where he has been visiting his brother, Lieutenant Jones, who is in hospital. Sir Edgar was in the recent honours list, but could not go to

Comic Opera at the Empire.—"The Lilac Domino," which was produced at the Empire yesterday afternoon, is gorgeously mounted, and if the theme is at times a little reminiscent of other musical plays, that is well compensated for by the music of Mr. Charles Cuivillier and the additional numbers of Mr. Howard Carr, who conducted.

Miss Butterworth's Success.—Primarily the play is a triumph for Miss Clara Butterworth, whose singing truly deserves the applause it received. Mr. Jamieson Dodds, too, was in excellent form, and I think everybody there enjoyed, as I did, the broad comedy of Mr. Frank Lator and Mr. Edwin Wilson.

His Emirance.—It is not often you catch a glimpse of Cardinal Bourne in the street. His journeys in town are taken in a most unostentatious private vehicle drawn by one venerable horse. I met the Cardinal walking near the Archbishop's house a day or so ago. There was little to indicate his identity save his hat.

Fiction and Stamps.—I came across Mr. G. B. Burgin gazing into a stamp dealer's window in the Strand the other day. The novelist has been a keen collector for years, he said, and has just been elected secretary of a philatelic society.

A Success.—As I anticipated, the new *Daily Mirror* serial, "The Secret Wife," has already met with universal approbation. There are stacks of letters of appreciation from readers—not to mention telephone messages. The moral of which is—if you have not yet had time to read the instalments already published, turn to page 7 and join the glad throng of interested readers.

Golfer Honoured.—All good golfers will join in congratulating Major C. O. Hazlet on his D.S.O. His sisters were even better known players than himself, and were almost the equal of the famous Leach girls.

Woman-like.—Mrs. Croxton, who does a lot of recruiting for women war-workers, amused me the other day by relating the way in which most girls are lured by the uniforms. One girl, after inspecting the Wren's rig, said she would be a "Lady Admiral," without inquiring about the pay or duties.

Exotic Dances.—"Danced songs" is what M. Jean Nougues chooses to call those works of his which will be danced in London this afternoon. Mesdames Lydia Kysash, Phyllis Bedells and Dithy Taring, with others, will dance them for him, and the details I have heard are most exciting.

Practical Patriotism.—Lady Wernher is a practical agriculturist, and, I hear, has already ploughed nearly a hundred acres of her beautiful park at Luton Hoo. Her country house has been a hospital for officers since the war began.

Huns' Gifts.—I am told by one who has seen them that the arsenic-loaded sweets which the Goths are supposed to have dropped are different in shape, size and general appearance to anything ever sold in London sweetshops. It ought to be easy to identify them.

North-East.—The Hackney Empire will have some distinguished patrons to-morrow, I am told, when Lord Rothschild, Lord Willoughby de Broke, with some others; are expected to look on at a matinee which will be given with the object of helping the National Federation of discharged men.

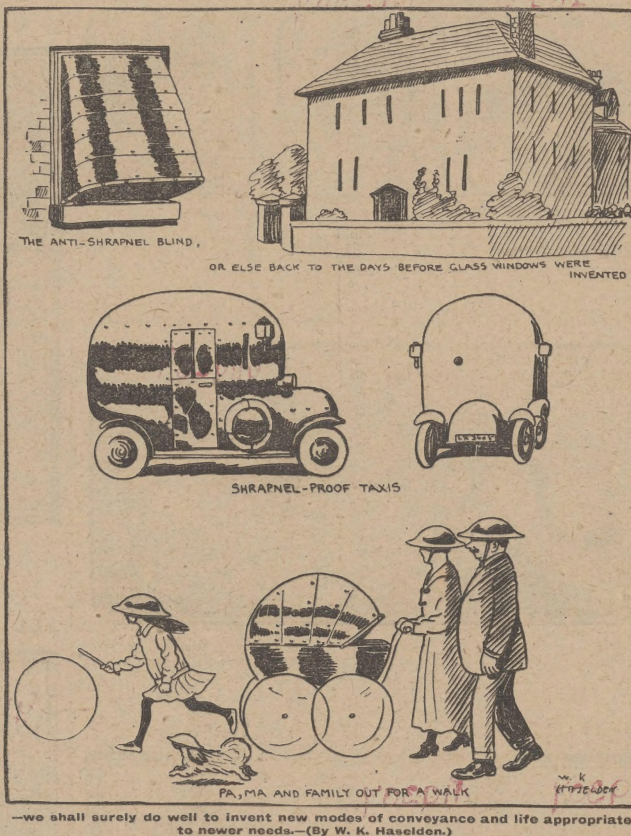
Naval Writer.—Lovers of stirring sea stories will be glad to hear that "Bartimeus," who is otherwise known as Lieutenant da Costa Ricci, R.N., is doing some more. In spite of his name, the officer-author is a native of South Wales.

At Newmarket.—Captain V. Beatty, brother of Admiral Sir David Beatty, tells me he is going to live at Newmarket, where he has leased the Phantom House training establishment.

The Obsession.—I am sorry to see that "camouflage" is still rife. It was, I learn, officially recognised in the Irish Courts the other day. A K.C. used it to describe the other side's case; and the Judge and jury accepted it without question.

THE RAMBLER.

AS THE AIR WAR GOES ON YEAR BY YEAR—



far from satisfactory. He may find the burden of leadership too much for him.

"**Woe Joe.**"—His friends tell me that Mr. Joseph Devlin is being strongly backed as the future leader of the Nationalist Party. He is greatly loved, is a democrat of democrats, with a forceful and pugnacious personality.

Author M.P.—In the Lobby the other night I had a chat with Mr. Stephen Gwynne, M.P., joint author of the recent biography of Sir Charles Dilke. He told me that he was about to publish a volume of new essays.

Air Director.—One of the "Old Contemptibles," Brigadier-General E. L. Ellington, is the new Director-General of Military Aeronautics. He is only forty and was an artillery captain at the beginning of the war, being mentioned in Lord French's first dispatch. Everybody votes him a very good choice for the post.

Buckingham Palace to be invested, being called to his brother's bedside.

At Bow-street.—I looked into the Bow-street Police Court yesterday morning to see a bit of the trial of Colonel Repington and Mr. H. A. Gwynne. There was a full court, in which I noticed that well-known military critic, Dr. T. Miller Maguire.

Friendly "Breezes."—The two defendants were in front of, not in, the dock. Sir Gordon Hewart looked more like Lord Haldane than ever. Mr. Tindal Atkinson was weightily impressive. There were one or two passages of arms between counsel, but they were conducted good-humouredly.

Irish Food Control.—I am told that the Food Controller's staff in Ireland is about to be increased. Vigorous measures are to be taken with profiteers. That "Little bit of Heaven" idea will soon be out of date.

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IN MEMORY OF A MARTYR.



The scene at the solemn inauguration of the bust of the Trentino martyr Gugheino Oberdan, who was foully done to death by the Austrians.

TRYING TO GET CONNECTED.



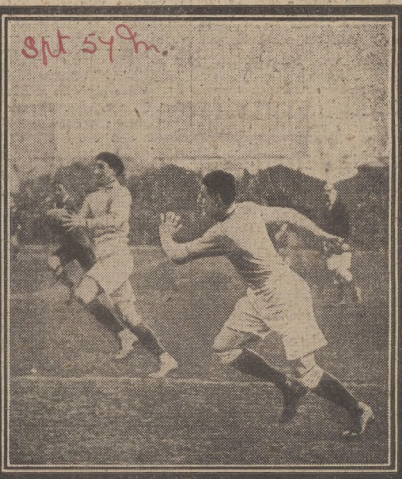
These men, who belong to a signal section, have no cover and go wherever the shelling is heavy to repair cut cable.—(Canadian War Records.)

EXPLAINING THINGS AWAY—AN ANXIOUS MOMENT.



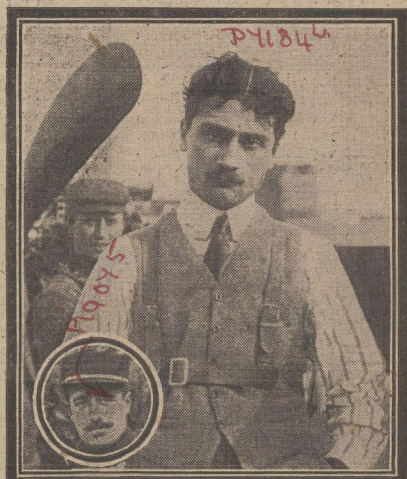
Austrian military chiefs bring maps to their aid in explaining to their Emperor the movements of troops on the Italian front. They are looking extremely anxious and so is the German Emperor (seen facing the camera), who is peering at the map. Karl alone does not look worried, though things have obviously not worked out according to plan.

NINE AIRMEN IN RUGBY TEAM.



A pass in the Rugby match at Paris, in which New Zealand soldiers defeated French soldiers by a goal to a try. The French team included nine airmen, two tank officers and two lieutenants recently escaped from Germany.

FAMOUS AIRMEN ESCAPE.



Lieutenant Roland Garros, the famous French "ace," and Lieutenant Anselme Marchal, who have escaped from Germany. They flew over Berlin a year ago, but were forced to descend near the Russian lines.

NORTH COUNTRY FAMILY'S FINE WAR RECORD TWO M.C.s AMONG VICAR'S FIGHTING SONS.



Capt. Herbert Humphreys, M.C., R.F.A. (son), came from Canada to enlist.



Captain R. O. Howe, Durham L.I., the vicar's only son-in-law.



A.S.O. Humphreys, now serving as a private in the Canadians.



The Rev. H. J. Humphreys, vicar of Thornley, Co. Durham.



Captain Noel Humphreys, M.C. (son), now a section commander of tanks.



Lieut. John Humphreys (son), killed in Africa. Only recently left school.



Henry Humphreys (son), drowned on Lusitania. Was coming home to enlist.

The Rev. H. J. Humphreys has good cause to be proud of his sons, two of whom came across the seas to enlist. Herbert was engaged in Government survey work in the far north of Canada, while Henry, who was unfortunately drowned, was on the way from Los Angeles. John went straight to Sandhurst from school, while Noel enlisted in 1914.